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Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR to hold monthly meeting

The Wabash County Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, at the Grandstaff Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave. The program will be given by Junior Membership Committee vice-chair Kathryn Stephens. Amisss said prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend. DAR membership is open to any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Those having questions about their family history lineage information may visit www.dar.org or call Linda Thompson at 260-563-4661 or Barbara Amisss at 260-982-4376.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distribution every other Wednesday

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate

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Wabash seeks volunteers, registrants for local COVID-19 vaccine clinic

The site to open Thursday at the Wabash County Museum for those who are eligible

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Wednesday, the state released its plan to more widely distribute COVID-19 vaccines and the following day, Wabash announced it would open its vaccination site next week.

Meanwhile, Wabash County's COVID-19 spread

rating remains in the orange or second-highest category. The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) dashboard was updated Wednesday, Jan. 6 with results as of 11:59 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4. The county metrics map is updated at noon Wednesdays and reflects data through the previous Sunday.

State releases vaccine plan

On Wednesday, Gov. Eric J. Holcomb and the ISDH announced that Hoosiers age 80 and older will be eligible to register for a free COVID-19 vaccine beginning Friday, Jan. 8.

State Health Commissioner Kris Box, M.D., FACOG, said vaccine supplies are still limited. Indiana has received just over 350,000 doses of vaccine to date and is scheduled to re-

ceive about 78,000 vaccines per week at this time.

"By opening vaccine to those who are 80 or older, then adding people in their 70s and 60s when vaccine supplies allow us to expand, we can best protect the populations that account for 93 percent of our COVID-19 deaths," Box said.

On Friday morning, the ISDH reported high interest in COVID-19 vaccines has caused slowdowns to the state's vaccine registration site and 211 system, "but both sys-

tems are working."

"We are gratified by the high interest in vaccine registration for our most vulnerable Hoosiers and encourage everyone to be patient," said Box. "We anticipated these scenarios on the first day and have a system in place to address them as quickly as possible."

Individuals age 80 and older account for less than 4 percent of the state's population but represent more than 19

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Winter Forest Day Camp connects children with nature



Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

Day campers play a mice and owl game Monday at Salamonie Lake.

Week-long series held at Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Monday afternoon, a group of children was excitedly running around the small lawn across the road from the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center.

Interpretive naturalist Eva Webb said they were playing an owl and mouse game.

Most of the children, playing the mice, were in a circle facing one another while another child, playing the owl, was blindfolded.

The "mice" were given

pieces of paper crinkle at various intervals to give the "owl" an idea of where they were.

The exercise was meant to reproduce the sounds these raptors use in their auditory hunting activities.

They were gathered there for the first day of the week-long Winter Forest Day Camp, which interpretive naturalist Teresa Rody said included children ages 7 to 13.

Webb said earlier in the day, they had taken a hike, held an owl presentation,

completed some journal entries with a personal goal and worked in small groups to complete a presentation which was scheduled for Friday, the final day of the day camp.

"We're going to do some tracking and continual daily preparation for their presentations and daily sit-spot and daily hikes," said Webb, of their plans for the rest of the week.

Webb said the "sit-spots" in particular were designed to increase connection with nature and foster mindful-

ness of the children's surroundings.

"A sit-spot is where you choose a spot that has a view of something in nature that is enjoyable and you try to use all of your senses," said Webb.

Well, not all of their senses. "Not the sense of taste. But, all of the other senses to just try to absorb and become more aware of your surroundings," said Webb.

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Indiana Democrats call for resignation of GOP lawmakers

By **JARED KEEVER**

Peru Tribune Editor

The Indiana Democratic Party, following a day of violence at the U.S. Capitol, has called for the resignations of Indiana lawmakers who backed objections to Electoral College votes for President-elect Joe Biden.

Those included Senator Mike Braun and four members of Indiana's delegation to the U.S. House of Representatives.

"Braun's rhetorical charade - which included seven flip-flops on the issue - was complicit with the domestic terrorist attack at the U.S. Capitol," a news release from the party said. "Further, the Indiana Democratic Party is also calling for Members of Congress Jim Banks, Jim Baird, Greg Pence, and Jackie Walorski to resign for dis-

carding their constitutional duties in favor of a vote for Trumpism and the end of the Republic."

Braun had said earlier this month that he would vote along with about a dozen other GOP senators to reject electors from "disputed states," and call for a commission to conduct a 10-day audit of election returns in those states, despite a lack of evidence of any widespread voter fraud having ever been committed.

He began the day Wednesday posting pictures to his Twitter account of him signing his objection to the Arizona electors and talking outside the Capitol with "supporters who came to DC from Indiana about why I will object today and support an emergency audit into irregularities in the 2020 election."

Later that day, pro-Trump rioters stormed the Capitol as Congress convened a joint session to certify the Electoral College votes.

The chaos, which followed a nearby rally led by Trump, shutdown Congress for hours after the House and Senate chambers were evacuated when the crowds breached the building.

After the violence that left at least four people dead and dozens arrested, Braun said he had a change of heart and would withdraw his objection "to get this ugly day behind us."

Indiana Democratic Party chairman John Zody called the day's events an "attempted coup" that followed "years of silence or being sycophants to Donald Trump." Braun and the others, he said,

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WPD probationary patrolman begins work

Gareth L. Monroe will be officially sworn in at Monday's Wabash City Council meeting

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

It took several months of attempts during a global COVID-19 pandemic, but the Wabash Police Department (WPD) has finally filled the open probationary patrolman position.

On Friday, Jan. 1, WPD public information officer Matt A. Benson said Gareth L. Monroe was sworn in as a WPD probationary patrolman.

Benson said Mayor Scott Long swore in Monroe at the WPD headquarters.

On Thursday, Long's assistant Bev Vanderpool said

Monroe would be officially sworn in during the next Wabash City Council meeting, which is scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11. The meeting will be held over Zoom, and the Meeting ID is 841 063 6815 and the password is 46992.

Benson said Monroe was born, raised and currently resides in Wabash.

Monore graduated from Wabash High School in 2011.

"Gareth is slated to complete his initial 40-hour pre-basic course to obtain Indiana arrest powers in the next two weeks and will be required to attend the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy during his first year," said Benson.

From June to July 2020, the WPD began accepting applications for the probationary

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Figert resigns from City Council after five years

Wade Weaver appointed to serve the remaining three years of his term

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Thursday, Wabash County Council District 2 representative and Wabash County Republican Party chair Barbara Pearson announced Wabash City Council District 1 representative Mitch Figert would be replaced.

Pearson said Figert's resignation was effective Thursday, Dec. 31. She said he would be replaced by Wade Weaver, who was appointed because there was only one qualifying precinct committeeman.

Pearson said they planned to swear Weaver in at 3 p.m. Friday at the Wabash County Judicial Center.

On Thursday, Figert submitted his letter of resignation to Pearson on Monday, Dec. 20. Figert said he "thoroughly enjoyed serving on the Wabash City Council over the past five years."

"During this time the city has seen significant infrastructure, economic and recreational improvements, including several on the southside," said Figert. "These have been thanks to the leadership of Mayor Scott Long and a phenomenal team supporting him."

Figert said during the past year he has "balanced caring for our family, meeting our professional demands and serving the community."

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Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

Mitch Figert, right, is sworn in Dec. 31, 2019. After five years, Figert's resignation from the Wabash City Council was effective Dec. 31, 2020.

FIGERT

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“Like many, 2020 has presented numerous challenges for our family from loss of loved ones to a major surgery for our daughter,” said Figert. “I have been given an opportunity as this year comes to a close to step back and focus on my family and my professional development. I have decided to continue my post-graduate education and spend a few weeks focusing on the most important roles I have – being a father and husband.”

Figert said he made his decision “after much prayer and discussion” with his family. “With continuing my edu-

cation and new career adventures awaiting me in 2021, I will not have the time required to fulfill the role effectively,” said Figert. “Thank you to those who elected me to serve in this position, the Mayor for his guidance, and the collaborative spirit of my fellow council members. Our family will remain active advocates for this vibrant community.

Figert, who had three years left in his term, said Weaver will serve for the remainder and will have to run again next time.

Figert said he was proud of the improvements he had seen on the south side of the city, but said other areas still need work.

“This was accomplished by a great team working together

that reflected the spirit of public and private partnership,” said Figert. “Beyond the south side, the entire city has seen incredible growth and improvements and I was honored to be a part of the team. I wish we could have made more progress to address houses that are in disrepair and increase requirements to upkeep rental properties. I hope these issues are dealt with in future years.”

Figert said his replacement should “keep an open mind when creating policy, be engaged in the neighborhoods to listen to the constituents and be willing to stand your ground when necessary.”

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RESIGN

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had shown their “true colors, and it’s that they value the fringe ideology of Trumpism over protecting the U.S. Constitution and the fundamental values of the United States of America.”

“It shouldn’t take a domestic terrorist attack at the U.S. Capitol for some to speak up, and these Indiana Republican politicians have disgraced Hoosiers’ trust to uphold their

constitutional duties,” Zody said in the news release. “They must resign, and if they don’t, now is the time for hardworking Indiana Democratic candidates to think about challenging them for re-election. Extraordinary times call for extraordinary actions – and that time is now.”

Indiana’s other Republican senator, Todd Young, had announced before the joint session of Congress began that he wouldn’t support the objections to Biden’s electoral votes, saying he would

“uphold my constitutional duty and certify the will of the states as presented.”

Among Indiana’s House members, Banks, Walorski, and Jim Baird voted against the Arizona and Pennsylvania electoral votes. Pence, a brother of Vice President Mike Pence, split his votes, supporting only the Pennsylvania results.

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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 5:37 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 8:03 a.m.

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First
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Full
1/28

Last
2/4

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 34°, humidity of 67%. East northeast wind 7 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 22°. North wind 2 to 5 mph. Sunday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 35°, humidity of 60%. Northwest wind 2 to 5 mph.

Learning from 2020 to build a future in 2021

By DAVE SNOWDON

George Santayana (1863-1952) an American philosopher said, “People who don’t learn from history are doomed to repeat it.” Looking back into 2020, there are three things we experienced that we don’t want to repeat in 2021: Fear, hate and greed.

2020 began with fear and it paralyzed us all year. Fear, if left unchecked, will enslave every decision you make. What is the opposite of fear? Hope! Not a wishful hope; but a certain Hope that conquers fear. Psalm 139:16, David says that all of our days were laid out by God before we were ever born. Now some may think that is fatalistic. But that is not what this verse means. Did you choose where and when in point time place of history you were born? Did you choose to be born in America? The greatest and most influential country in history? A country filled with freedoms that the people around the world long for? When you stop to think about it, God gave us a lot when we were born. We are not to live in fear, but to live our days as a gift from God. Every day is a gift and with His help we can choose to give others Hope by doing good.

Hate was the second evil

we experienced in 2020. Hate is destructive. It doesn’t build up but tears down all that we cherish. It offers no resolution nor vision. It leaves in its path, ruin and destruction. How do I overcome hate? “Do not be overcome by hate (evil) but overcome hate (evil) with good.” Romans 12:21. You overcome hate by doing good to others. Love builds and restores. God first loved us and He calls us to love others with the same love He gave us. We can choose to forgive as we have been forgiven. Unconditionally.

The third evil in 2020 was greed. Greed is selfish. Greed cares about no one else. Like fast-growing cancer, it destroys everything good. A classic example is in the third film of the Hobbit, “The Battle of the Five Armies.” King Thorin, the dwarf king, is consumed with the madness of his greed. He no longer honors his word and turns his back on family and friends, who were dying to defend him. Greed will cause us to forsake all that we hold close: friends, family, and freedoms. Its end is loneliness and despair. The answer to greed is selflessness. Jesus said, unless a grain of wheat... dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.” John 12:24. We were not made to horde our lives and be selfish. We were

made to be selfless, like the One who gave His life that we might have life – abundantly. John 10:10.

You might ask, with so much that has gone wrong in 2020, so much fear, hate and greed how can we overcome such evils? How can we build a better 2021?

Joshua in the Old Testament believed God’s promises and led God’s people to victory against insurmountable odds. Years later he gave these words of encouragement and hope for their future. “Choose you this day, whom you will serve, the gods of this world” ... fear, hate, and greed; “but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord ...” Hope, love, by doing good to others, selflessly. Joshua 25:15.

Moving forward into the gift of 2021, whom do you choose to serve? Fear or Hope? Hate or Good? Greed or Others? I choose to follow the Lord and His promises. My Hope is certain in Him.

Dave Snowden and his wife recently moved to the Wabash community to be near six of their 11 grandchildren and their parents. The couple has three adult children and 11 grandchildren. He is a retired Navy Chaplain and veteran of Vietnam and Iraqi Freedom. He also retired from the Christian & Missionary Alliance and Senior Adult Health Care in Friendship Village in Dayton, Ohio.

WPD

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police officer position. However, that wasn’t the WPD’s first try at hiring for the job.

Benson said their original attempt to fill the position was disrupted due to the current pandemic.

“This opening is from another officer (who) resigned several months ago. However, we had to postpone the hiring process due to COVID-19,” stated Benson.

The benefits package includes a probationary salary of \$49,319; career progression incentive pay for longevity and promotional opportunities through the rank structure; a take-home car after two years residing within the Wabash city limits; comprehensive medical, dental and eye insurance; life insurance; and paid vacation and sick leave.

Under Indiana Code 36-8-4-7, a person may not be appointed as a member of the WPD after the person has reached 36 years of age. Under Indiana Code 36-1-20.2

Provided photo

Gareth L. Monroe, right, is sworn in as a WPD probationary patrolman on Friday, Jan. 1.

regarding nepotism, a person may not be appointed as a member of the WPD who is related to any officer of the department. Candidates must meet the residency re-

quirements of Indiana Code 36-8-4-2.

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Obituaries

Mary P. Day

July 19, 1938 - Jan. 6, 2021

Mary P. Day, 82, of rural Roann, Indiana passed Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at Miller's Merry Manor of Warsaw, Indiana.

Mary was born on July 19, 1938 in Fulton County, Indiana to the late Max and Nellie Myrtle McCain Nicodemus. She married on Jan. 25, 1992 in Akron, Indiana to William D. "Bill" Day, who preceded her in death on Jan. 11, 2015.

Mary was a farmer's wife and a homemaker. She was a lifetime member of both the American Legion Auxiliary and the VFW of Laketon, Indiana as well as the Red Hat Society. She enjoyed milking cows during her time on the farm. She was known to make candy, especially her peanut brittle. Mary always looked forward to visiting with friends.

Mary is survived by her daughter Paula and husband Randy Hackworth, Roann; son David Nicodemus, Rochester; 13 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren; step daughter Linda and husband Mark Bristow, Branson, Missouri, and step sons Richard "Dick" and wife Renee Day, Denver, De and wife Joyce Day, Roann, and William David and wife Kathy Day, Mentone.

She was preceded in death



by her parents; husband Bill Day; a daughter, Roberta K. "Wink" Emmons; a granddaughter, Kimberly Day; sisters Hazel, Doris, Wilma, Marjorie; and brothers Edwin, Robert, and John.

The funeral service will be at 12:00 noon, Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana with Pastor Kathy Nelson officiating.

Masks will be required for all who are in attendance.

Visitation hours will be from 10 am to 12 pm, Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, Indiana.

Memorials can be made to the donor's choice of charity in Mary's memory.

Share a Memory or send an Online Condolence at: www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com

Ruth G. 'Gerry' Eberly

Ruth G. "Gerry" Eberly, 89, North Manchester, Indiana, passed away on January 3, 2021 at Timbercrest Healthcare Center, North Manchester, Indiana.

The loving memory of Ruth "Gerry" Eberly will be forever cherished by her son, Gregg Geiger, Churubusco, Indiana; daughter, Janet Clarke, West Springfield, Massachusetts; step-

sons, Ronald (Joyce) Eberly, Gary (Karen) Eberly, Scott (Darla) Eberly, all of North Manchester, Indiana, and Nick (Jon Morgan) Eberly, Elkhart, Indiana; sister, Shirley (Jim) Shaw, Columbia City, Indiana; fifteen grandchildren and twenty-seven great-grandchildren.

Due to COVID-19 concerns, a private service will be held at a later date.

They need to chill – Tips for turning seeds into trees

By **LEE REICH**
Associated Press

How exciting to think of a full-size tree locked up within each seed still clinging to the branches of sugar maples, hornbeams, oaks, sycamores and other trees at the end of summer.

It was with such visions that I dropped an apple seed into some potting soil in an 8-inch clay flowerpot one autumn day years ago.

I wish I could write that the seed has now been transformed into a majestic tree. But no, the seed germinated, started to grow, then stalled at about 4 inches high.

The reason for the lack of growth was that apple seeds, like the seeds of many other trees native to cold climates, need pre-treatment before they will germinate or grow well. I was lucky the seed germinated at all!

Since then, I've learned the tricks of growing trees from seeds.

Fool the seed

If an apple or maple seed grew as soon as it touched ground in late summer or early fall, the life of the tender young seedlings would be short indeed, snuffed out with the first frost. So most tree seeds that ripen in fall are able to stay dormant until they're convinced that winter is over.

You can fool such seeds into growing sooner by keeping them cool and moist for a couple of months. Pack the seeds into plastic bags with moist potting soil, then put the bag in the refrigerator or garage. This process is called "stratification" because nursery growers used to do it by alternating layers of seeds with layers of soil in boxes.

Of course, you could also just sow seeds directly outdoors and let them wait out the winter naturally, but then they face hazards like squirrels, birds, flooding and more.

It is cool, not cold, temperatures that awaken a seed from sleep. Hours of chilling accumulate only when it's between about 32 and 50 degrees Fahrenheit. So chilling might begin in autumn but not finish until

late winter or spring, thus reducing the likelihood of a seed sprouting during a February warm spell. Or all the chilling might take place in late winter or spring.

Further considers in seed germination

Some seeds have a hard coating which must be made permeable to water before the seed is stratified. One way to let water into redbud, juniper, hornbeam and other hard-coated seeds is to nick them with a small file.

Dank warmth will accomplish the same thing as nicking with a file. Pack the seeds into plastic bags, as directed above, but leave them in a warm room for two or three months before stratification.

Sycamore and catalpa are among the few fall-ripening seeds that don't need stratification. Perhaps this is because they hang on the trees late enough into winter so that, by the time they drop to moist ground, temperatures are too cold for germination. Or else it is spring, and just the right time for germination.

Sprouting is the first step

Stratified seeds usually sprout as soon as they have accumulated the number of chilling hours they need. For sugar maple, that means three to four months; for dogwood, four months; for apple, two to three months.

Keep an eye on stratifying seeds, because one week they'll be asleep and a week later – bingo! – they're sprouting fat, white roots. Once seeds sprout, either pot them up or keep them cool enough to hold back growth until it's time to plant them outdoors.

You might wonder, why go to the trouble of planting these seemingly delicate seeds when you can just buy a sturdy young tree at a nursery? You're a gardener; you like to grow plants. Not to mention the satisfaction you'll get years from now as you look up into the branches of a tall tree you planted from seed.

VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES

STAFF REPORT

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ

Online services are available by visiting www.bachelorcreek.com.

Catholic Church Province of Indianapolis

According to Jennifer Simerman, secretary for communications for Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the following statement has been issued by the Catholic bishops of the Province of Indianapolis, which is comprised of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the dioceses of Gary, Lafayette, Fort Wayne-South Bend and Evansville: "While commending our pastors and pastoral life coordinators who have gone to great lengths to assure safe worship spaces in our churches, given the continued increase of COVID-19 cases in our state, the Indiana bishops hereby extend the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation beyond Sunday, Nov. 1 until further notice. The Indiana bishops will continue to monitor the situation to determine when it might be advisable to modify or lift the dispensation." Specific liturgical directives and recommendations, as well as remote Mass participation and resource options, are available on the diocesan website at www.diocesefwsb.org/covid-19.

Christ United Methodist Church

On Sunday, Jan. 10, worship service at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St., is at 10 a.m. Pastor Tom Richards' scripture reading will be Matthew 5:6 with a sermon reflection titled "What Is It You Hunger For?" Worship service will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/.

Christian Heritage Church

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

College Corner Brethren Church

Pastor Joe Bellone's sermons are posted (with handouts) on both Facebook and YouTube under "College Corner Brethren Church."

Common Ground Prayer House

The Common Ground Prayer House will be open to the public from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, except holidays, at 78 W. Hill St. COVID-19 precautions will be taken in the form of masks being worn by prayer house representatives and social distancing. For more information, call Jennifer Mahan at 260-571-8063, Shirley Neale

at 260-591-0047 or Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072.

Dora Christian Church

If you can't make it to the live services, Preacher Mark Wisniewski's sermon will be posted on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group Sunday morning for all to see.

LaFontaine Christian Church

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at www.lafontainechristian.com under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

LaFontaine United Methodist Church

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is live-streaming on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church> and that it may be accessed as a video afterward.

Lincolnville United Methodist Church

Lincolnville United Methodist Church, 5848 E. 500 South, will continue to hold online services at 10 a.m. Sundays. Services may be found on the Lincolnville UMC Facebook page. Starting in February, there will be two worship services and no Sunday school. The first worship service will be at 9 a.m. and the second worship service at 10:30 a.m. Pastor John Cook asks parishioners to call or text him at 260-563-1406 and RSVP with which service, number of people attending and phone number. Coffee and bottled water will be offered, but no snacks. Pastor John Cook asks parishioners to wear a face mask. For more information, email pastorjohn1954@gmail.com or call 260-563-1406.

Living Faith Lutheran Church

Welcome to our in-person worship service at 10:10 a.m. Sundays at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged for social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with pre-service music at 10 a.m. For virtual services and more information, visit www.livingfaithwabash.org.

Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting www.manchestercob.net. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, "Manchester CoB YouTube

Channel." After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live-stream in the same way. Another way to access the live-stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search "Manchester Church of the Brethren," and click on the circle profile.

North Manchester Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Sebrina Cline stated live streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

North Manchester Missionary Church

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting NMMC1.com.

Olive Branch Church of God

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch or through the church website www.olivebranch.church. Click "Live Streaming" at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

Roann United Methodist Church

Pastor Wayne Balmer's will have service at 9 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 10 will be online taken from Luke 5:1-11 titled, "Follow Me."

Richvalley United Methodist Church

The Sunday, Jan. 10 service at Richvalley United Methodist Church, 290 N. Jefferson St., worship begins at 9:30 a.m. At this time we are not having Sunday School. Pastor Jack Suits will speak on Luke 10:26-27, "Who is My Neighbor?" For more information, call 260-563-1033 or email rvumc@hotmail.com.

Southside Free Will Baptist

Streaming on their Facebook page.

Sweetwater Assembly of God

Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

Urbana Yoke Parish

Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to www.urbanayokeparish.com. Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select "Worship Videos." The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

Wabash Church of the Brethren

At the Wabash Church of the Brethren, Pastor Doug Veal is holding a Zoom meeting each Sunday for worship. The meeting is open at 10:15 a.m. so that everyone can be connected by 10:30 a.m. Join this church service by visiting <https://zoom.us/j/393263884> or by calling 312-626-6799 and enter meeting ID No. 393 263 884.

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) offers streaming at 9:30 a.m. Sundays both on their website at wabashchristian.org and Facebook page, Wabash Christian Church. The minister is Rev. Haley Asberry.

Wabash Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and search for "Wabash Nazarene" or search Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit www.wabashnaz.com, look for the home page, and find "Latest Sermon."

Wabash First Church of God

In the 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 10 worship service at Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St., Pastor Robb Rensberger will speak on "Babies Are Precious." The sermon may also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard at 11 a.m. Sunday on 105.9 FM. While in the church building, masks are optional but we do practice social distancing. Sunday Servants are Todd Eltzroth, chairperson; Sherry Whitt, worship; Rose Sands, piano; and Nancy Kolb, organ.

Walk By Faith Community Church

Pastor Greg Wilburn of Roann's Walk By Faith Community Church says to access his online sermons at www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com.

Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash

Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/zionwabash at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

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food distributions for 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester; and 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/growth/203410>.

Shine a light for Babe of Wabash County

A donation of \$25 will place a candle in memory of a loved one in a window of the Babe of Wabash County house at 88 W. Hill St. and "support (the)

mission of creating positive and healthy family cultures by building community connections, providing educational materials, and offering resources for families in Wabash County." Donations to the Babe of Wabash County fund can be made online at cfwabash.org or by check, with Babe of Wabash County in the memo line, sent to the Community Foundation, 105 W. 2nd St., Suite 100, North Manchester, IN 46962. To participate in the fundraiser, visit <https://www.babeofwabashcounty.org/light-up-babe>.

Honeywell hosts annual Clark Gallery 92 County Art Show

Honeywell Arts & En-

tertainment will be hosting its annual 92 County Art Show in the Honeywell Center Clark Gallery through Monday, Feb. 15. The exhibit will be available for public viewing from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and will be hosted virtually via HoneywellArts.org and the Honeywell Center's Facebook and Instagram pages. For more information, visit <http://honeywellarts.org/exhibits>.

DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to

group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email office@wabashfriends.org, call 260-571-5235 or visit www.divorcecare.org.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

Whoever trusts in his riches will fail, but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf.

Proverbs 11:28

OUR TAKE

Trump's kamikaze exit

The scene millions witnessed Wednesday was beyond tragic. It was an outright disgrace to our democracy and totally avoidable.

Thousands of Trump supporters marched down Pennsylvania Avenue at the urging of President Donald Trump following a rally where he and his allies used reckless language. His, and his allies', words were pointed, and they were simply dangerous.

In typical Trump fashion, he told the crowd outright lies about how the Democratic Party and Big Tech stole the election from him. Then, he urged them to "fight like hell" before saying if they don't fight, they are "not going to have a country anymore."

What came next injured at least 14 D.C. Metropolitan Police officers, one of which was hospitalized after being pulled into the crowd and assaulted, according to statements made by D.C. Metropolitan Police Chief Robert Contee. The mob of extremists attacked police "with metal pipes, discharged chemical irritants, and took up other weapons against our officers," according to a Capitol Police statement.

Four people died during the storming of the U.S. Capitol, where Congress held a joint session to count the Electoral College votes and declare Joe Biden the winner of the 2020

presidential election.

Many who stormed the Capitol carried Trump flags, Confederate flags and wore MAGA hats, and they yelled things like, "traitors" as they breached the doors before ransacking offices and causing destruction inside the Capitol Building, according to NPR.

One thing we should all agree on is that this event could have been avoided. The careless and dangerous words spoken just before the violent event did nothing but stoke unnecessary fear that would undoubtedly lead to the events that soon followed.

Rudy Giuliani used even more dangerous language than Trump, with reckless disregard for the tension he and Trump's administration stoked before our Capitol was overtaken. He said, "Let's have trial by combat," to resounding cheers from the thousands gathered, after saying Democrats don't want to investigate the election further.

His comments were made in the context of courts not siding in the Republican Party's favor, but the use of the word combat is extremely dangerous.

By now, it is no surprise that Trump lost the election resoundingly. Voters in Georgia showed that a majority of Americans are sick and tired of the divisiveness, lies and poor behavior of Trump and his allies. Trump did not lose

because of the coronavirus. He lost because he has chosen repeatedly to divide our country, stoke fear and abuse his power to coerce people into doing his bidding.

There is a reason why reputable people from both sides of the aisle have spoken out strongly against the president's actions. Trump has been playing with fire since the day he got into office, and it is apparent that he plans to burn the house down before he leaves office.

Trump and others who spoke at his rally are on a suicide mission where they intend to even taken down the GOP. He and his son, Donald Trump Jr., encouraged the country to vote out anyone who didn't object to the certification of the election.

He blamed everyone but himself for the Senate falling into Democrat control, even though he's been calling the elections rigged and putting GOP members of Congress in tough spots by his recent vetoes and objections to bills that have huge implications for our country.

If Trump can't win, he wants us all to lose. Sadly, it appears his kamikaze mission shook the nation to its core and left many American strongholds damaged.

It will take a long time to repair, but no challenge is too great for the American people.



A heartbreaking spectacle

The three repulsive architects of Wednesday's heartbreaking spectacle – mobs desecrating the Republic's noblest building and preventing the completion of a constitutional process – must be named, and forevermore shunned. They are Donald Trump, and senators Josh Hawley and Ted Cruz.

Trump lit the fuse for the riot in the before the election, with his successful effort to delegitimize the election in the eyes of his supporters. But Wednesday's explosion required the help of Hawley, R-Mo., and Cruz, R-Tex.

Hawley announced his intention to object to the certification of some states' electoral votes, for no better reason than that there has been an avalanche of "allegations" of election irregularities, allegations fomented by the loser of the election. By doing so, Hawley turned what should have been a perfunctory episode in our civic liturgy of post-election civility into a synthetic drama. He turned this moment into

George Will



senators-elect gave Hawley's grotesque self-promotion an ersatz cloak of larger purpose. Shortly before the mob breached the Senate chamber, Cruz stood on the Senate floor. With his characteristic unctuousness, he regretted the existence of what he and kindred spirits have not only done nothing to refute but have themselves nurtured – a pandemic of suspicions that the election was "rigged."

"I want to take a moment to speak to my Democratic colleagues," said Cruz. "I understand your guy is winning right now." Read those weaselly words again. He was not speaking to his

"colleagues." He was speaking to the kind people who were at that instant assaulting the Capitol. He was nurturing the very delusions that soon would cause louts to be roaming the Senate chamber – the fantasy that Joe Biden has not won the election, but is only winning "right now."

The Trump-Hawley-Cruz insurrection against constitutional government will be an indelible stain on the nation. They, however, will not be so permanent. In two weeks, one of them will be removed from office by the constitutional processes he neither fathoms nor favors. It will take longer to scrub the other two from public life. Until that hygienic outcome is accomplished, from this day forward, everything they say or do or advocate should be disregarded as patent attempts to distract attention from the lurid fact of what they have become. Each will wear a scarlet "S" as a seditionist.

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LETTER

Trump is sabotaging our democracy

Trump continues to try to overturn the presidential election by intimidating, coercing and threatening state officials in an attempt to change the votes of the people. He recently spoke to the Secretary of State in Georgia and asked him to come up with almost 12,000 votes for Trump so he can claim victory in Georgia, and then he would probably try to cast doubt on the voting in other states.

Vindictive Trump attacked our country for not reelect-

ing him. Trump lost his cases in the courts, and then the corrupt President tried to circumvent the will of the people by coercing Republican lawmakers in swing states to overturn the election and appoint pro-Trump electors to the Electoral College. He has placed his self-interest above the country's interests, and he is sabotaging Biden's incoming administration. Trump is trying to turn the civilian leadership in the Pentagon into a politicized organization by infiltrating highly political-ly unqualified personnel, including former campaign

staff, and this weakens our military posture.

By delaying Biden's transition team's access to our government agencies, including intelligence agencies, Trump is jeopardizing our security in the world. Our adversaries, including Russia, China, North Korea and Iran could take advantage of our weakened deterrence capabilities.

Internally, Trump has done a terrible job combating the coronavirus pandemic, and he is responsible for increasing hospitalizations and deaths. Trump is disrupting our economy by ending some

key Federal Reserve loan programs on Dec. 31, 2020.

Trump's drawdown of troops in Afghanistan and Iraq is designed to cause havoc within the Biden administration and place Biden in the position of having to send troops back into war-torn countries. This will put more troops in harm's way as they try to re-stabilize the countries and prevent terrorists from establishing bases.

Trump is causing some environmental havoc by opening up the Arctic Refuge to drilling for oil.

The outgoing corrupt and vindictive President is

Trump has blood on his hands

Let's be clear about what happened Wednesday: The president of the United States invited a crowd of his supporters to Washington, ginned them up with lies about a stolen election, attacked members of Congress for being complicit in that theft and then sent them to the U.S. Capitol. "We got to get rid of the weak congresspeople," Donald Trump declared at

Marc A. Thiessen



his "Save America" rally on the Ellipse, urging the crowd to "walk down Pennsylvania Avenue" and "take back our country."

Soon, thousands of his supporters tried to do just that – overwhelming police barricades, storming the Capitol, and fighting their way into the House and Senate chambers. Vice President Pence and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. – first and second in line to the presidency – were whisked away to a secure location. House members donned masks designed for a biological attack to protect themselves against tear gas. Officers drew guns on the House floor. A woman – 35-year-old Air Force veteran Ashli Babbitt – was shot and killed, one of four people to die during the violent rioting.

It was one of the darkest moments in the history of our democracy. And Trump is responsible for it. As the smoke cleared Wednesday on Capitol Hill, Trump said in a tweet since removed, "These are the things and events that happen when a sacred landslide election victory is so unceremoniously & viciously stripped away." Sorry, these things didn't "happen."

Trump formed and incited the mob. He stoked their anger with self-serving lies. He betrayed his followers. He betrayed his office. And now he has blood on his hands.

But amid the darkness, we also saw our democracy's resilience. Within hours, the Capitol was cleared and Congress reconvened. By early Thursday morning, both houses had confirmed Joe Biden's victory with bipartisan support. Despite Trump's unprecedented assault on our democratic institutions, our institutions did not falter. The lower courts – including many led by Trump-appointed judges – have rejected Trump's bogus claims. The Supreme Court, with its Trump-appointed 6-3 conservative majority, has refused to entertain his calls to intervene. While some Republicans have shamefully pandered to Trump, many GOP elected officials at all levels of government – federal, state and local – have stood up for the integrity of our electoral process. All 10 living former secretaries of defense – including Republicans Dick Cheney and Donald Rumsfeld – have united to back military leaders in resisting any efforts to involve them in the election dispute. Pence did his constitutional duty and refused to go along with Trump's scheme to reject the election results, as did Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

In other words, despite the harrowing scenes on Capitol Hill, our democracy is not – to use McConnell's phrase – in a "death spiral." Our constitutional guardrails have held. Trump will leave office on Jan. 20, and Biden will be sworn in as our 46th president. The system works.

But as we reflect on Wednesday's events, and the president's responsibility for what transpired, it is worth noting that one institution has failed us: the media. Trump was able to convince millions of Americans to believe that they were being disenfranchised through electoral fraud. Why did so many believe his lies? Because the media – which is supposed to be an objective arbiter of facts – has lost its credibility. An August 2020 Gallup/Knight Foundation poll found that 83 percent of Americans believe that there is "a great deal" or "a fair amount" of political bias in news coverage, and 80 percent of Americans say that these inaccuracies are intentional – either because the reporter is misrepresenting the facts or making them up entirely. In the eyes of Trump supporters, many in the media have spent the past four years doing just that, hyping flimsy allegations such as the Steele dossier and the conspiracy theory that Trump colluded with Russia in an effort to bring him down. So now they are unwilling to believe those same news organizations when they report the truth – that the president's claims that the election was stolen are patently untrue.

In less than two weeks, Trump will be gone – and thanks to Wednesday's events, he probably will not make a political comeback. The damage to our Capitol will soon be repaired. But it will take work to repair the fabric of trust that binds us as a nation. Perhaps our shared revulsion at what we witnessed on Capitol Hill will finally force an examination of conscience on all sides – and prompt us to seek greater unity.

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LIFESTYLES

Dip into this bowl for a winter escape

Are you feeling the winter doldrums? January can be a blue time, post-holidays, when the dust settles and winter stretches ahead. It's tempting to daydream

Lynda Balslev



about far-flung escapes to steamy destinations, away from the cold, snow and darkness. Reality, of course, keeps us home for many practical reasons. So, as the saying goes, instead of cursing the dark, it's time to light a candle – or in this case, the stove. If we can't travel away, then we can bring the taste of travel home to our kitchen.

This is a perfect bowl for a winter day. Khao Poon is a traditional Lao soup with red curry and rice noodles, fragrant with lemongrass and coconut. It's light, spicy and aromatic, finished with a shower of fresh herbs, bean sprouts and chiles to create a meal in a bowl. Chicken is frequently added, but it's wonderfully flexible with proteins, including pork and fish, as well as tofu for a vegetarian option. And if that's not enough to lift your spirits, Khao Poon is a traditional celebratory soup served at Lao weddings and other festive events. So dig in to your bowl and vicariously join the party.

Once all of the ingredients are assembled, this soup comes together in 30 minutes.

Lemongrass Chicken Curry Soup With Rice Noodles
Active Time: 30 minutes
Total Time: 30 minutes
Yield: Serves 4

- 8 ounces rice vermicelli noodles
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 pound chicken thighs, cut into chunky bite-size pieces
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 large shallot, finely chopped, about 1/4 cup
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tablespoon finely grated peeled fresh ginger
- 3 tablespoons prepared Thai red curry paste, or more to taste
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 6 cups chicken broth, divided
- 1 stalk lemongrass, cut into 3-to-4-inch pieces, lightly smashed
- 1 (15-ounce) can light coconut milk
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice, plus wedges for serving
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons fish sauce
- 2 teaspoons Asian hot sauce, such as Sriracha
- 2 cups bean sprouts
- 1 cup packed cilantro leaves and tender stems
- 1 red jalapeno or hot chile pepper, sliced (optional)

Cook the noodles according to the package instructions. Drain and rinse under cold water and set aside.

While the noodles are cooking, heat the oil in a soup pot. Season the chicken with salt and pepper and add to the pot without overcrowding. Cook until colored on all sides, then

transfer to a plate with a slotted spoon (the chicken will continue to cook later in the soup).

Pour off all but 1 tablespoon oil from the pot. Add the shallot and saute until softened, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the garlic

and ginger and saute until fragrant, about 30 seconds, then stir in the curry paste and coriander and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute more. Whisk in the chicken stock and lemongrass. Taste the stock, and if you prefer a spicier

soup, whisk in 1 to 2 more tablespoons of the curry paste.

Return the chicken to the pot and simmer for 10 minutes. Add the coconut milk, lime juice, sugar, fish sauce and hot sauce. Bring to a boil and simmer until

the soup is heated through.

Divide the rice noodles between serving bowls. Ladle the soup over the noodles. Garnish with the bean sprouts, cilantro and red chiles. Serve with lime wedges and additional hot sauce.

Photo by Lynda Balslev for TasteFood

Here's how college students could collect \$1,800 in stimulus payments

A new tax season means many college students or young adults not yet covering all their own expenses could get a total of \$1,800 in stimulus relief.

Under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, or the Cares Act, individuals can qualify for up to \$1,200 in stimulus relief (\$2,400 for couples filing jointly). A second stimulus payment, signed into law by

Michelle Singletary



President Donald Trump on Dec. 27, provides for an additional \$600 (\$1,200 for couples).

Many college students lost jobs or had their income decrease because of the pandemic and had hoped they could get much-needed stimulus payments. But for many people there was an irritating catch to the stimulus funds: The money wasn't available if you were claimed as a dependent on another taxpayer's return.

However, when the 2021 tax season opens, many young adults could qualify for a combined \$1,800 (\$1,200 from the Cares Act and \$600 from the second round of economic impact payments). This is because the stimulus payment is actually an advance credit. On Line 30 of the 2020 Form 1040 or 1040-S, it's referred to as the "recovery rebate credit."

"College students may now also be able to claim the stimulus payment in the form of a recovery rebate credit as long as they are not claimed as a dependent,"

said Lisa Greene-Lewis, a certified public accountant and tax expert for TurboTax.

Other adult dependents, including elderly parents or disabled adult relatives, could also receive a stimulus payment if they, too, aren't claimed as dependents for 2020.

The IRS uses a "support" test to determine if you can claim someone on your taxes, according to Therese Tippie, a CPA, tax manager and financial planner at EP Wealth Advisors in Torrance, Calif.

The support test looks at who provided more than half of the child's support, Tippie said.

"Generally, support includes food, lodging, clothing, education and medical expenses," Tippie said. "If it was the parent, then the parent should claim the child as a dependent. If not, the child can claim themselves."

The IRS also encouraged young adults to determine if they are eligible for the economic impact payment.

"College students in particular should be careful not to overlook these payments if they're supporting themselves and can't be claimed as a dependent on someone's tax returns," IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig said last year. "A few minutes of research could really help students."

Parents don't have to claim the dependent. Just realize that you must have a dependent to claim head-of-household status, Tippie said. "If the parent does not have a dependent, he or she would file single, which is usually less favorable than head of household."

"It is up to a parent wheth-

er they claim their student," Greene-Lewis said. If the parent is supporting their college student and they are eligible for tax benefits – like lower tax rates for head of household and benefits such as the "other dependent" credit, the earned-income tax credit (EITC) or education credits – then they should claim their student. If the college student worked and needs to file based on income threshold requirements, or if they would like to file for a refund, then their parent can choose not to claim them as a dependent, Greene-Lewis said.

Parents who take only the other dependent care credit of \$500 because they earn too much to qualify for other deductions and credits might want to consider not claiming their young adult child as a dependent for 2020.

However, in terms of financial strategy, allowing a dependent college student or young adult to file a return to claim the \$1,800 in stimulus money should be weighed against what credits and deductions you may be giving up, which could increase the taxes you owe. Parents who drop a child as a dependent could affect their eligibility for the EITC, which can be worth up to \$3,584 for one qualifying child; the American opportunity tax credit (up to \$2,500); or the lifetime learning credit (up to \$2,000), Greene-Lewis pointed out.

If your income is too high to qualify for these tax breaks, you may not see a significant increase in your tax bill if you don't claim your child as a depen-

dent. "But a single parent claiming head of household, however, would not be able to claim head of household if their college student claimed themselves," Greene-Lewis said.

Parents of college students should communicate about the issue, said Deenice Galloway of the Maryland-based Expert Tax & Consulting Service.

Galloway had a client whose daughter – without her mother's knowledge – filed her own return to collect the \$1,200 stimulus payment. Doing so meant her mother no longer qualified for head of household. The change in the mother's filing status could have resulted in a \$4,000 tax bill, Galloway said. The mother found out when her federal return was rejected by the IRS.

"She literally cussed the daughter out," Galloway said, chuckling.

The daughter had to file an amended return, and she returned the \$1,200 stimulus payment to the IRS.

"You really have to look at the individual situation," Galloway said. "It really can impact those individuals filing as head of household."

Experts also point out that not claiming your young adult child for 2020 doesn't mean you can't switch back for 2021.

"Dependency can be reviewed on a year-by-year basis," Tippie said.

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95-year-old interrupts mask making by surviving COVID-19

By ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS
Associated Press

MARYSVILLE, Ohio — When the coronavirus pandemic began, Miriam Looker sprang into action at the behest of her stepson, a central Ohio doctor.

Looker, 95, used her supply of quilting materials and soon was making up to 10 masks a day at her assisted living facility in Marysville, about 30 miles northwest of Columbus. Then, as she pushed well over 1,000 masks, Looker took a break – to recover from COVID-19 herself.

"It was kind of my turn, I guess," she said.

After feeling exhausted and taking a lot of naps in November, Looker was feeling like herself again and started back in. She cuts out patterns at night and adds pleats while watching the news, then inserts elastic straps the next day.

The masks have gone to her stepson's patients, residents at Walnut Crossing Assisted Living Community where Looker lives, churches, hospice groups and schools.

"It's something to do when you're tired of reading and tired of whatever is going on, or don't want to do it," Looker said. "I can always sew, and it was fun."

Looker now estimates she's made about 1,700 masks, slightly ahead of a fellow resident who's pushing 1,300 of her own.

It's not the first time Looker has worked with material in an effort to save lives. In 1943, she had just finished her first year at Glenville St. College in her hometown

of Glenville, West Virginia, when military recruiters came looking for women for the war effort.

After a summer training stint at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, she found herself in Dayton at what was then called Wright Field – today's Wright-Patterson Air Force Base – testing parachutes for the army. Testers would watch the troopers jump, record their hang time, then inspect parachutes for damage.

That experience explains a lot about her efforts to help during the pandemic, said her stepson, family practice Dr. Joseph Linscott.

"She's just like Rosie the Riveter from WWII," he said. "She went from making quilts to making masks. She changed her assembly line overnight."

While in Dayton, Looker met her first husband, Delbert Ford, a paratrooper trainer. At war's end they moved to Beloit, Wisconsin, where they raised four children. Eventually, at age 60, Looker earned a two-year degree in computer science at Edison Junior College – now Florida SouthWestern State College – in Fort Myers. She hasn't ruled out finishing a four-year degree. "I'm thinking about it," she said.

These days, Looker spends her time quilting, reading mysteries, staying current on politics and playing bingo. She uses her iPad to FaceTime with her children and grandchildren, do puzzles and check email.

She attributes her longevity to her parents' own long lives and a secret she shares: "Eat fruit every day."

Indiana reports 6K more COVID-19 cases

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana health officials reported 6,199 new coronavirus infections and 69 additional COVID-19 deaths Friday as the state expanded COVID-19 vaccination availability to all Hoosiers over the age of 80.

The newly confirmed deaths, which occurred over the last several days, raised Indiana's toll to 8,892, including both confirmed and presumed infections, the Indiana State Department of Health said.

The number of Indiana residents known to have had the coronavirus is now up to 552,594.

The state agency also reported that 2,769 Hoosiers were hospitalized with COVID-19

on Thursday. Of those being treated, 584 were in intensive care, according to the state agency's daily statistic update.

Health officials announced earlier this week that coronavirus vaccinations are available to Indiana residents 80 and older starting Friday. Until now, health care personnel and residents of long-term care facilities were the only eligible recipients for the shots.

By 11:30 a.m. on Friday, 33,500 Hoosiers were already registered for a vaccine appointment, according to the state health department. 21,000 people scheduled appointments in the first 90 minutes after registration opened.

Inmates allege dirty conditions, lack of virus protections

TERRE HAUTE (AP) — Seven inmates at a western Indiana county's jail are suing the sheriff and the jail, accusing officials of allowing unsanitary conditions and failing to protect inmates from the coronavirus.

The Vigo County Jail inmates filed their federal lawsuits in December as letters with the U.S. District Court in Terre Haute that ask the court to intervene for the health of the inmates.

Some of the inmates complain about a lack of cleaning supplies for inmates, poor food quality, jail mold problems and other sanitary issues.

But four of the inmates' letters address an early December COVID-19 outbreak at the jail during which more than 100 inmates tested positive for the coronavirus, the Tribune-Star reported.

"I am scared for my life. COVID-19 is nothing to play around with. Please help us," inmate Durand Randall Randall wrote in his letter, asking for emergency release.

Some of the letters contend inmates were housed for days with an inmate who was ill with suspected COVID-19, and that after he died from COVID-19, some inmates who tested positive for COVID-19 were housed for about 24 hours with inmates who had tested negative.

It doesn't help when believers join America's online mobs

It seemed that whenever the Rev. Daniel Darling ventured into social media, he saw the same red flags — so he posted a commentary on "Christians and Conspiracy Theories."

"Because it's online, doesn't mean it's true," he noted. "Because a story is advanced by someone whose ideology I agree with, doesn't mean it's true. ...

"For some reason, we are a people who want to believe there is a big plot behind every single thing that happens. ... If you watch enough cable TV, depending on your political persuasion, you will come to think that behind every act in Congress there is a string of connected dots that go back to either George Soros (liberal) or the Koch brothers (conservative)."

This wasn't a hot take on QAnon letters or rumors of shredded Georgia ballots.

Darling wrote those words a decade ago, while leading an evangelical church near Chicago. Now he's a crucial voice for the National Religious Broadcasters and author of a book — "A Way with Words: Using Our Online Conversations for Good" — pleading for believers to think twice about their online lives.

"I'm not saying we should run away and hide," said

Darling in a phone interview. "There's no way to avoid the fact that social media is a crucial part of American life. I don't think Christians have any choice about whether or not to be engaged. ... What we need to do is be more careful when deciding where to draw lines and take stands. But, unless you're Amish, I don't see anyone sitting this one out."

It's especially important for religious leaders to warn their followers not to join the online "mobs" that are destroying America's ability to have sane public debates. In some cases, digital attacks are also threatening lives and reputations.

Consider, for example, the woke social media attacks that fueled inaccurate mainstream news reports about Covington Catholic High School students at the 2019 March for Life. Then there were the conservative social media warriors who embraced the #pizzagate conspiracy theory, claiming that prominent Democrats were linked to a global child-trafficking ring.

Did Russia steal the White

Terry Mattingly



House in 2016? Some would say yes — there were mainstream news reports. Did China, Cuba, Venezuela or some other evil force steal the 2020 election? Some would say yes, citing headlines on the other side of America's partisan media wars.

The result is anger and pain that has reached many pews and some pulpits. In his book, Darling quotes research by political scientists Nathan P. Kalmoe and Lilliana Mason indicating that 1 out of 5 Republicans and Democrats agree that their political adversaries "lack the traits to be considered fully human — they behave like animals."

Thus, he noted: "Today's mobs are not found on the streets with sticks and stones; they're dressed nicely in office cubicles, sitting quietly in church pews and sipping coffee in the comfort of air-conditioned homes. The mobs are — us. ...

"It is intoxicating," writes Darling. "So intoxicating that we are tempted to immediately post something without stopping to consider if what we are communicating is true. And we often fail, in these split-second decisions, to consider the humanity of the person or organizations we are joining a mob to crush."

It would help, he said,

if shepherds reminded their flocks about the New Testament warning, in the Epistle of James, that the "tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell."

At some point, people who view themselves as social media apologists will need to be more effective, searching for reputable sources to quote and ways to praise acts of mercy as much as they attack the words of those they believe are in error.

It would also help, said Darling, if true believers learned to laugh at themselves and maybe even to apologize after making mistakes. And it's wise to think twice before fighting with "trolls" who aren't interested in finding common ground or clarifying points of sincere disagreement.

"Some people really are convinced that courage and civility are incompatible," he said. "They think that — unless you're shouting at the top of your lungs or typing IN ALL CAPS — you aren't really defending the faith. That's so attractive."

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Indianapolis neighborhoods scanning visitors' license plates

By KURT CHRISTIAN
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INDIANAPOLIS — Homeowners associations across Indianapolis are increasingly partnering with private companies to surveil their neighborhoods with automated license plate readers.

Georgia-based Flock Safety and California-based Vigilant Solutions are among companies that for years have provided the technology to law enforcement agencies, enabling them to identify, catalog and distribute any passing vehicle's model, color and license plate number.

But the firms' push in recent years to begin offering the same technology to homeowners association presidents has civil liberty advocates looking over their shoulders.

Flock Safety CEO Garrett Langley said motorists should not see cause for alarm.

"People make a false assumption that we want Big Brother to exist," he said. "But we believe there's a world where we can have

privacy and safety. We don't believe there has to be a trade-off."

More central Indiana neighborhood leaders are starting to embrace that mindset.

Flock said it has put cameras in 14 Indianapolis neighborhoods since launching its neighborhood service three years ago. One of its newer clients is Pickwick Commons, a neighborhood of 77 homes at Ditch Road and West 91st Street, which came aboard about a year ago, according to Jayson Parker, president of its homeowners association.

Flock's cameras automatically scan vehicles as they pass and can immediately notify associations in instances where the license plate has been reported stolen. Flock also provides associations access to a searchable database, so they can retroactively look up unexpected vehicles near their homes and share screenshots if they suspect a crime has occurred.

Langley said he first thought of offering automated license plate readers

to neighborhoods after his Georgia neighborhood was plagued by a string of car break-ins. A police officer told him his neighbor's doorbell camera was too low-quality to provide vital evidence, so he set about creating a system that provided civilians with the same hardware and software officers use to catch the bad guys.

But civil liberties advocates worry about putting such a powerful technology in the hands of the untrained, and about its potential for abuse.

Angie Raymond, an associate professor of business law and ethics at Indiana University's Kelley School of Business, said there's a big difference between a law enforcement agency's use of the technology and a civilian's use.

She said she worries about the lack of policies dictating how a civilian can access and use the information. She said automated license plate readers can easily track and disseminate information about neighborhood visitors who have a perfectly legitimate reason for driving

down the road.

"Private entities can surveil us without being bound in many instances by the law," Raymond said. "The big divide is in the way that information is stored, shared, retained and even gathered."

Raymond said law enforcement, local governments, universities and other public institutions have certain procedures and policies to practice safe data management. That's just not the case with the head of a homeowners association.

"They're tasked with the community space being mowed and (that) the signs you see when you drive in are pretty," she said. "They don't have the time or the knowledge to dig into this."

Raymond said neighborhood leaders considering this method of combating porch pirates need to ask themselves what the data will do, how it will be used, what rules are in place to protect the innocent, and how that data will be shared and stored.

"Those are the conversations you need to have. If you don't do that, you need

to pass," she said.

But Parker, Pickwick's homeowners association president, said he's comfortable his neighborhood's two cameras don't infringe on privacy. He said that he and two other board members are the only ones with access to the cameras' database and that neighbors trust them to use the data responsibly.

"As a community, we didn't have any kickback from anybody. Nobody was concerned," Parker said. "We didn't hear, 'No, I don't want to live in a police state,' or any of that stuff."

Pickwick was developed in the mid-1960s and features homes from around \$200,000 to more than \$800,000. Some of the residents are doctors who work at nearby Ascension St. Vincent Hospital.

Two years ago, Parker said, residents were calling him to report their mail and packages had been stolen.

"The mail theft was happening multiple times a week. Apparently, they were driving into the neighborhood at 3 a.m. and going through mailboxes," he said.

The homeowners association's nine-member board considered several surveillance companies, but wound up choosing Flock Safety for a number of reasons, including the fact that cameras would cost just \$4,000 a year and the company's interface was simple to use through a smartphone app or on a desktop.

The neighborhood announces the presence of the cameras with signs at entrances. Since installing the cameras, Parker said, his neighbors have stopped calling to report mail theft.

In one instance, he was able to provide a landscaping company with the license plate and footage of a vehicle that pulled up and stole a leaf blower.

"What they were able to do with that, I don't know. The point is, now they have a suspect. They've got a car; they've got a license plate. They can follow that up," Parker said. "We provided them with information that they should be able to (use to) solve a crime. Before, we wouldn't have been able to do that."



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Trump to skip Biden swearing-in – and Biden’s fine with that

By ZEKE MILLER and JILL COLVIN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Friday he will skip President-elect Joe Biden’s inauguration, refusing to fulfill the outgoing president’s traditional role in the peaceful transition of power and undercutting his own message just one day earlier on the need for “national healing and unity.”

Trump, who has not appeared in public since a violent mob of his supporters besieged the Capitol on Wednesday and tried to halt the transfer of power, will be the first incumbent president since Andrew Johnson not to attend his successor’s inauguration.

Biden said he was just fine with that, calling it “one of the few things we have ever agreed on.”

“It’s a good thing him not showing up,” he added, calling the president an “embarrassment” to the nation and unworthy of the office.

Traditionally, the incoming and outgoing presidents ride to the U.S. Capitol together on Inauguration Day for the ceremony, a visible manifestation of the smooth change of leadership.

Biden will become president at noon on Jan. 20 regardless of Trump’s plans. But Trump’s absence represents one final act of defiance of the norms and traditions of Washington that he has flouted for four years.

Historian Douglas Brinkley said that while attending the inauguration “would be a wonderful olive branch to the country,” he wasn’t surprised by the decision.

“Donald Trump doesn’t want to be in Washington as the second-fiddle loser standing on stage with Joe Biden,” he said.

While Trump stays away, former presidents Barack Obama, George W. Bush and Bill Clinton and their wives will be there to stand witness to the rite of democracy. The only other living president, 96-year-old Jimmy Carter, who has spent the pandemic largely at home in Georgia, will not attend but has

extended “best wishes” to Biden.

Trump’s tweet that he would boycott the inauguration came as he holed up in the White House with a dwindling coterie of aides and as momentum grew on Capitol Hill to subject him to impeachment for a second time.

“To all of those who have asked, I will not be going to the Inauguration on January 20th,” Trump tweeted.

It was not a surprise: Trump for more than two months has falsely claimed he won reelection and advanced baseless claims of widespread voter fraud, even though his own administration has said the election was fairly run.

Sen. Rick Scott, a Florida Republican, urged Trump to reconsider.

“He is, of course, not constitutionally required to attend and I can imagine losing an election is very hard, but I believe he should attend,” Scott said in a statement. The senator said he planned to attend and called the rite “an important tradition that demonstrates the peaceful transfer of power to our people and to the world.”

Vice President Mike Pence, who defied Trump on Wednesday when he refused to intervene in the congressional process to certify Biden’s win, was expected to attend the inauguration, according to one person close to him and one familiar with inauguration planning. But Pence spokesman Devin O’Malley said in a statement Friday that the vice president and the second lady “have yet to make a decision regarding their attendance.”

Biden said Pence was “welcome to come” and he’d be honored to have him there.

“I think it’s important,” he said, that “the historical precedents and how and the circumstances” by which administrations transition “be maintained.”

Historian Brinkley said Trump’s decision makes him look like a “sore loser.”

“It will also show that he’s an authoritarian at heart who doesn’t believe in the democratic process. If you don’t honor the idea of a peaceful transition, then you don’t

honor the Constitution or the spirit of democracy itself,” he said.

On Thursday, with 12 days left in his term, Trump finally bent to reality when he released a video late in the day that condemned the violence carried out in his name at the Capitol and acknowledged his presidency would soon end.

“A new administration will be inaugurated on Jan. 20,” Trump said in the video, after issuing an earlier written statement that offered the same message. “My focus now turns to ensuring a smooth, orderly and seamless transition of power. This moment calls for healing and reconciliation.”

But by the next morning, Trump was back to his usual division. Rather than offering condolences for the police officer who died from injuries sustained during the riot, Trump commended the “great American Patriots” who had voted for him.

“They will not be disrespected or treated unfairly in any way, shape or form!!!” he tweeted.

White House counsel Pat Cipollone has repeatedly warned Trump that he could be deemed responsible for inciting Wednesday’s violence. Aides said the president’s video was intended, in part, to try to ward off potential legal trouble and to slow the mass exodus of staffers who have announced their early departures in response to the violence.

Wednesday’s violent insurgency erupted after Trump spoke at a “Stop the Steal” rally where he told his supporters the election had been stolen and urged them to fight. Since then, Trump has been increasingly isolated, abandoned by all but a few of his closest enablers.

He has watched the resignations of top aides, including two Cabinet secretaries and a long list of administration officials.

In addition to those who have resigned, senior staff, including longtime aide Hope Hicks, will begin departing as part of the usual “offboarding” process marking the end of an administration, leaving Trump with only a skeleton

crew of aides in his final days in office.

Those who remained on the job continued to weigh their own futures and struggled with how best to contain the impulses of a president deemed too dangerous to control his own social media accounts but who remains commander in chief of the world’s greatest military.

There were fears about what a desperate president could do in his final days, including speculation Trump could incite more violence, make rash appointments, issue ill-conceived pardons – including for himself and his family – or even trigger a destabilizing international incident.

On Capitol Hill, there was growing discussion of impeaching him a second time, even as talk of invoking the 25th Amendment to oust him from the Oval Office waned.

Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Friday met with the House Democratic caucus to consider impeachment proceedings as she blamed Trump for having “incited an armed insurrection.”

She said she had spoken to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff about preventing an “unhinged” Trump from initiating military actions or a nuclear strike.

She and Democratic Senate leader Chuck Schumer have also called on Pence and the Cabinet to invoke the 25th Amendment to force Trump from office – though the urgency of that discussion among Cabinet members and staff had diminished by Thursday.

Staff-level discussions on the matter took place across multiple departments and even in parts of the White House, according to two people briefed on the talks. But no member of the Cabinet has publicly expressed support for the move.

Pence has not said publicly whether he would support invoking the 25th Amendment, but Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin said he did not think that was likely. “I’m just hearing he is basically not moving in that direction,” he said, citing “my Senate channels.”

Officer’s death intensifies Capitol siege questions

By LISA MASCARO and MATTHEW DALY

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A police officer has died from injuries suffered as President Donald Trump’s supporters stormed the Capitol, a violent siege that is forcing hard questions about the defeated president’s remaining days in office and the ability of the Capitol Police to secure the area.

The U.S. Capitol Police said in a statement that Officer Brian D. Sicknick was injured “while physically engaging with protesters” during the Wednesday riot. He is the fifth person to die because of the Capitol protest and violence.

During the struggle at the Capitol, Sicknick, 42, was hit in the head with a fire extinguisher, two law enforcement officials said. The officials could not discuss the ongoing investigation publicly and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

His family said in a statement Friday that Sicknick wanted to be a police officer his entire life. He served in the New Jersey Air National Guard before joining the Capitol Police in 2008.

“Many details regarding Wednesday’s events and the direct causes of Brian’s injuries remain unknown, and our family asks the public and the press to respect our wishes in not making Brian’s passing a political issue,” the family said.

The rampage that has shocked the world and left the country on edge forced the resignations of three top Capitol security officials over the failure to stop the breach. It has led lawmakers

to demand a review of operations and an FBI briefing over what they called a “terrorist attack.” And it is prompting a broader reckoning over Trump’s tenure in office and what comes next for a torn nation.

Protesters were urged by Trump during a rally near the White House earlier Wednesday to head to Capitol Hill, where lawmakers were scheduled to confirm Biden’s presidential victory. The mob swiftly broke through police barriers, smashed windows and paraded through the halls, sending lawmakers into hiding.

One protester, a woman from California, was shot to death by Capitol Police, and there were dozens of arrests. Three other people died after “medical emergencies” related to the breach.

Despite Trump’s repeated claims of voter fraud, election officials and his own former attorney general have said there were no election problems on a scale that would change the outcome. All the states have certified their results as fair and accurate, by Republican and Democratic officials alike.

Sen. Ben Sasse, R-Neb., said news of the police officer’s death was “gut-wrenching.”

“None of this should have happened,” Sasse said in a statement. “Lord, have mercy.”

Sicknick had returned to his division office after the incident and collapsed, the statement said. He was taken to a local hospital where he died late Thursday.

Trump did not personally comment on the officer’s death, but a White House

spokesman said the death of any police officer in the line of duty is “a solemn reminder that they run toward danger to maintain peace.” Trump and the entire administration “extend our prayers to Officer Brian Sicknick’s family as we all grieve the loss of this American hero,” spokesman Judd Deere said.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said those responsible for Sicknick’s death “must be brought to justice.”

“The violent and deadly act of insurrection targeting the Capitol, our temple of American democracy, and its workers was a profound tragedy and stain on our nation’s history,” Pelosi said Friday. She ordered flags at the Capitol lowered to half-staff in Sicknick’s honor.

Pelosi said Thursday that any remaining day with the president in power could be “a horror show for America.” Likewise, Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer said the attack on the Capitol was “an insurrection against the United States, incited by the president,” and Trump must not stay in office “one day” longer.

Pelosi and Schumer called for invoking the 25th Amendment to force Trump from office before President-elect Joe Biden is inaugurated on Jan. 20. Schumer said he and Pelosi tried to call Vice President Mike Pence early Thursday to discuss that option but were unable to connect with him.

At least one Republican lawmaker joined the effort. The procedure allows for the vice president and a majority of the Cabinet to declare the president unfit for office. The vice president

Vaccine rollout hits snag as health workers balk at shots

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Associated Press

The desperately awaited vaccination drive against the coronavirus in the U.S. is running into resistance from an unlikely quarter: Surprising numbers of health care workers who have seen firsthand the death and misery inflicted by COVID-19 are refusing shots.

It is happening in nursing homes and, to a lesser degree, in hospitals, with employees expressing what experts say are unfounded fears of side effects from vaccines that were developed at record speed. More than three weeks into the campaign, some places are seeing as much as 80 percent of the staff holding back.

“I don’t think anyone wants to be a guinea pig,” said Dr. Stephen Noble, a 42-year-old cardiothoracic surgeon in Portland, Oregon, who is postponing getting vaccinated. “At the end of the day, as a man of science, I just want to see what the data show. And give me the full data.”

Alarmed by the phenomenon, some administrators have dangled everything from free breakfasts at Waffle House to a raffle for a car to get employees to roll up their sleeves. Some states have threatened to let other people cut ahead of health care workers in the line for shots.

“It’s far too low. It’s alarmingly low,” said Neil Pruitt, CEO of PruittHealth, which runs about 100 long-term care homes in the South, where fewer than 3 in 10 workers offered the vaccine so far have accepted it.

Many medical facilities from Florida to Washington state have boasted of near-universal acceptance of the shots, and workers have proudly plastered pictures of themselves on social media receiving the vaccine. Elsewhere, though, the drive has stumbled.

While the federal government has released no data on how many people offered the vaccines have taken them, glimpses of resistance have emerged around the country.

In Illinois, a big divide has opened at state-run veterans homes between residents and staff. The discrepancy was worst at the veterans home in Manteno, where 90 percent of residents were vaccinated but only 18 percent of the staff members.

In rural Ashland, Alabama, about 90 of some 200 workers at Clay County Hospital have yet to agree to get vaccinated, even with the place so overrun with COVID-19 patients that oxygen is running low and beds have been added to the intensive care unit, divided by plastic sheeting.

The pushback comes amid the most lethal phase in the outbreak yet, with the death toll at more than 350,000, and it could hinder the government’s effort to vaccinate somewhere between 70 percent and 85 percent of the U.S. population to achieve “herd immunity.”

Administrators and public health officials have expressed hope that more health workers will opt to be vaccinated as they see their colleagues take the shots without problems.

Oregon doctor Noble said he will wait until April or May to get the shots. He said it is vital for public health authorities not to overstate what they know about the vaccines. That is particularly important, he said, for Black people like him who are distrustful of government medical guidance because of past failures and abuses, such as the infamous Tuskegee experiment.

Medical journals have published extensive data on the vaccines, and the Food and Drug Administration has made its analysis public. But misinformation about the shots has spread wildly online, including falsehoods that they cause fertility

problems.

Stormy Tatom, 30, a hospital ICU nurse in Beaumont, Texas, said she decided against getting vaccinated for now “because of the unknown long-term side effects.”

“I would say at least half of my coworkers feel the same way,” Tatom said.

There have been no signs of widespread severe side effects from the vaccines, and scientists say the drugs have been rigorously tested on tens of thousands and vetted by independent experts.

States have begun turning up the pressure. South Carolina’s governor gave health care workers until Jan. 15 to get a shot or “move to the back of the line,” Georgia’s top health official has allowed some vaccines to be diverted to other front-line workers, including firefighters and police, out of frustration with the slow uptake.

“There’s vaccine available but it’s literally sitting in freezers,” said Public Health Commissioner Dr. Kathleen Toomey. “That’s unacceptable. We have lives to save.”

Nursing homes were among the institutions given priority for the shots because the virus has cut a terrible swath through them. Long-term care residents and staff account for about 38 percent of the nation’s COVID-19 fatalities.

In West Virginia, only about 55 percent of nursing home workers agreed to the shots when they were first offered last month, according to Martin Wright, who leads the West Virginia Health Care Association.

“It’s a race against social media,” Wright said of battling falsehoods about the vaccines.

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine said only 40 percent of the state’s nursing home workers have gotten shots. North Carolina’s top public health official estimated more than half were refusing the vaccine there.

SavaSeniorCare has offered cash to the 169 long-term care homes in its 20-state network to pay for gift cards, socially distanced parties or other incentives. But so far, data from about a third of its homes shows that 55 percent of workers have refused the vaccine.

CVS and Walgreens, which have been contracted by a majority of U.S. nursing homes to administer COVID-19 vaccinations, have not released specifics on the acceptance rate. CVS said that residents have agreed to be immunized at an “encouragingly high” rate but that “initial uptake among staff is low,” partly because of efforts to stagger when employees receive their shots.

Some facilities have vaccinated workers in stages so that the staff is not sidelined all at once if they suffer minor side effects, which can include fever and aches.

The hesitation isn’t surprising, given the mixed message from political leaders and misinformation online, said Dr. Wilbur Chen, a professor at the University of Maryland who specializes in the science of vaccines.

He noted that health care workers represent a broad range of jobs and backgrounds and said they are not necessarily more informed than the general public.

“They don’t know what to believe either,” Chen said. But he said he expects the hesitancy to subside as more people are vaccinated and public health officials get their message across.

Some places have already seen turnarounds, such as Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

“The biggest thing that helped us to gain confidence in our staff was watching other staff members get vaccinated, be OK, walk out of the room, you know, not grow a third ear, and so that really is like an avalanche,” said Dr. Catherine O’Neal, chief medical officer. “The first few hundred that we had created another 300 that wanted the vaccine.”

Far-flung family makes little effort to stay in touch

DEAR ABBY: I am a 72-year-old divorcee. I live alone in a 55-and-older community where I have many friends and an active life.

My three adult children are ages 37 to 43. The eldest lives out of the country with my 12-year-old grandson. My other son and his wife live 2,000 miles away and have two young children, one of whom I saw once three years ago. My daughter lives with her husband an hour and a half away. I see them about twice a year.

My daughter will sometimes answer an email or text, sometimes not. My sons almost never contact me, not even on my birthday or Mother's Day. From what I understand, they have little communication with their father or each other, either.

Is this normal? It breaks my heart. This isn't how I raised them. I always encouraged them to maintain a relationship with their father and their grandmother. Is there anything I can do? – So Sad In The East

DEAR SO SAD: I'm sorry for your heartache, and there IS something you can do. Concentrate on your friends, people who are willing to return your emotional investment. You should also ignore Mother's Day, which is an emotionally loaded holiday that causes pain not only to mothers like you, but also to those who have recently lost their mothers. I think you have suffered enough, don't you?

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law, "Gladys," has never liked to shop from a gift list. She prefers to look on her own for a gift she thinks the person would like. My problem is, most of the things she buys are atrocious.

My husband and I are expecting our first child – her first grandchild – and although we sent her the link, she has already purchased items not on our registry. I am gracious, Abby. I thank her verbally and follow up with a note in the mail. However, we don't have enough room for all the items to use just when she visits, so I plan to quietly return or donate them.

When she's here and asks why we're not using her gifts, what do I say? I'd prefer not to lie and say something like "the dog chewed it up," nor do I want to be brutally honest and tell her I found the things she bought too ugly. – Mom-In-Waiting

DEAR MOM-IN-WAITING: Find a wide, shallow box that will fit under a bed. Select some of the "atrocious" gifts and use them when Grandma Gladys comes to visit. If she asks why you're not using all of them, explain that because you already had some of the gifts she sent, you donated hers to a needy family who could enjoy them. (It's a diplomatic version of the truth.)

DEAR ABBY: I'm a single woman in my 30s, not a Mrs. and too young for Ma'am. Am I a Ms.? What do they all stand for? – In Between M's

DEAR IN BETWEEN: You qualify for "Ms.," as if you wish to use it. As you know, "Miss" is the term used to denote an unmarried woman. After consciousness was raised regarding equal rights for women, some began using "Ms." in the workplace when they preferred not to reveal their marital status. Traditionally, in the South, women over 21 are called "Ma'am" as a sign of respect. Farther north it's applied to mature women, although not all of them appreciate hearing it directed at them.

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Dear Abby



CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Opposite of max
- 4 Reporter's query
- 7 Jostles
- 11 Even one
- 12 "After All" singer
- 13 Iridescent mineral
- 14 Make do with
- 15 Sound piggish
- 16 Bigfoot's kin
- 17 Skewers
- 19 Fought in the ring
- 20 Tenn. neighbor
- 21 Singer Rawls
- 22 — yoga
- 25 Flotsam and —
- 28 Sweet drink
- 29 Phony coin
- 31 You bet!
- 33 Tumbler's pad
- 34 Sacred image
- 36 French water
- 37 Soft wool

- 40 Walkway
- 42 Invoice no.
- 43 Pitches
- 44 Get a grip on
- 47 Please, in Vienna
- 50 Say "yeth"
- 51 Poet's black
- 53 Help
- 55 Fat cat's friend
- 56 Toy brand
- 57 Firearms lobby
- 58 Tiny sphere
- 59 Top NCO
- 60 Ruby

DOWN

- 1 Ginnie or Fannie
- 2 Readies the press
- 3 Russian veto word
- 4 Recipe word
- 5 Cackler
- 6 Sitcom planet
- 7 Happy
- 8 Triangle tip
- 9 Evaluate

Answer to Previous Puzzle

SWAMI PAGODA RIVALS
AGORES AVENUE
SAT END
LYE RID ABS
SEA COM SNOOP
HAN ESP ATOLL
ASKED AVG HIE
DEERE LEE ODD
DER PAL LOS
AIR CPA
AGENDA REDTAG
FONDLY ORELSE
TOSSSES UNCUT

- 10 Performed a glissade
- 12 Hooded snakes
- 18 Contented murmur
- 19 Plant sci.
- 21 Kids' block
- 22 Rye partner
- 23 Eliot's "— Bede"
- 24 Chapeau's place
- 25 Karate kin
- 26 Pro votes
- 27 Ground corn
- 30 Bits of fiber
- 32 Seek damages
- 35 Bill of — (shipping document)
- 38 Sounded hoarse
- 39 Bratty kid
- 41 Hobby ender
- 43 Concerning
- 44 Mashed potato serving
- 45 Saddle up
- 46 Largest continent
- 48 Tartness
- 49 Colleen's home
- 51 Magazine VIPs
- 52 Wet, spongy area
- 54 Hydro project

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SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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	9			3	4			1
5		1		7		3		8
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		7		9	8			4
	3			1				
			4				9	

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

3	8	6	9	1	5	4	2	7
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1	5	9	7	2	4	6	8	3
5	4	2	3	7	8	9	6	1
6	7	1	4	5	9	8	3	2
9	3	8	2	6	1	7	5	4
8	6	4	1	9	2	3	7	5
7	1	3	5	4	6	2	9	8
2	9	5	8	3	7	1	4	6

How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

ODYIL

DUFIL

RHYOTN

GANDOR

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

LOVE TAPS BODY REPAIR

My wife will kill me if she sees her car like this.

She'll never know. I'll have this as good as new.

HE HAD THE SMALL DENT IN HIS WIFE'S CAR REPAIRED TO KEEP HER FROM ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

“() () () () - () () () () ” () () ()

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: DIRTY MOTTO SNEEZE PILLAR
Answer: Why can a small Pepsi sound like a U.S. state? Because it's a — “MINI-SODA”

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

“A prescription for cookies?”

BEEBLE BAILEY

WOW! WE'RE LATE! WE CAN SLIP IN THROUGH THAT WINDOW

OKAY, LET GO OF MY FEET, KILLER THOSE AREN'T MY HANDS

BLONDIE

I'LL HAVE A CUP, ELMO

KER-PLUNK!

Chocolate Ice Pops Not Chocolate for Sale!

HI & LOIS

WE'RE GOING TO ASK DAD TO TAKE US TO THE PLAYGROUND. GET IN LINE.

BUT HE PROBABLY WON'T HAVE ANY TIME AFTER HE FINISHES MOM'S CHORES.

2

BC

FOOP

HERE HE IS!

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WIZARD OF ID

MAN'S BEST FRIEND I THOUGHT DOGS WERE MAN'S BEST FRIEND

EVER BEAT A HASTY RETREAT FROM BATTLE ON A CHIHUAHUA?

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DILBERT

YOU HAVE OVER SEVEN HUNDRED CONSUMER LAWSUITS FILED AGAINST YOU.

IF I CAN GET THEM ALL ASSIGNED TO THE SAME JUDGE, YOU ONLY HAVE TO BRIBE ONE PERSON.

ARE YOU EVEN A LAWYER? HEAVENS, NO, AND I DIDN'T COME HERE TO BE INSULTED.

GARFIELD

GREETINGS!

AND WELCOME TO MY...UH...UM...UHHH...

PERHAPS YOU SHOULD JUST LEAVE

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FORT KNOX

I GOT A NEW CREDIT CARP.

I THOUGHT YOU WERE AGAINST USING THEM.

I WAS, BUT IT'S TOUGH TO HAVE CASH ON ME ALL THE TIME.

I WILL PAY IT OFF EVERY MONTH THOUGH.

GREAT... HOW?

WITH MY OTHER CREDIT CARPS.

PICKLES

GRAMPA, ARE YOU EATING ICE CREAM OUT OF THE CARTON?

WUP.

WHOA! I DIDN'T KNOW GRAMMA LET YOU DO THAT.

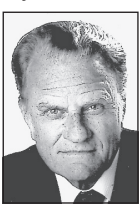
GRAMMA HAS NOTHING TO SAY ABOUT IT. I AM THE MAN OF THE HOUSE, THE LORD OF THE MANOR.

JUST DON'T TELL GRAMMA ABOUT IT.

Work never meant to be center of our lives

Q: I was hired by a company as “an idea guy,” and the Lord has blessed me in coming up with honest and creative ways to do business. This has been an answer to my prayers all through school that the Lord would give me an edge in the work-place and to do something that I enjoy. Is this prayer wrong? – S.P.

Billy Graham My Answer



A: The story is told about R.G. LeTourneau, an industrialist who received an order from the government for a very complicated machine to be used in lifting airplanes. No machine of this type had ever been designed. LeTourneau and his engineers could not come up with a plan. After some time, everyone was becoming tense and nervous. Finally, on a Wednesday night, Le-

Tourneau told his staff that he was not going to work, that he was going to a prayer meeting. The engineers were upset, because they had a deadline and the boss was deserting them. “But,” he said, “I’ve got a deadline with God.” He went to the prayer meeting, sang the hymns, and prayed. Afterward, as he was walking home, the design of the machine in complete detail came into his mind. He needed time with God and creative silence to bring it to the surface.

Sometimes we try so hard to solve our problems without taking them to God and we become agitated or depressed. It pleases God when we express to Him our thanks and gratitude for His guidance and direction. But one caution: Our work was never meant to become the center of our lives. That place belongs only to God, but He did give man work to do and the Bible tells us, “Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God” (1 Corinthians 10:31). There is dignity in work.

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“WBFRS G V W N H D I A R P K , G V W O H B ' F
R Y H M R B I N V X Y W O N G V W O V W S P
T V K K R L S G S V D I H N W Y H B L I R B M . ”
— Y I M H B U V C

Previous Solution: “There’s a lot of integrity with musicians; you really still aspire to ... be the best version of yourself you can be.” — Sheryl Crow

TODAY'S CLUE: J ails f U enbs e

Mississinewa overcomes Southwood's fast start, defeats Knights 76-65

Knights hosted Wabash Friday and will host Oak Hill on Tuesday

By **SCOTT HUNT**
Chronicle-Tribune Sports Editor

The start of Wednesday's boys basketball game between Southwood and Mississinewa couldn't have gone much better for the visiting Knights.

However, it was the Indians who orchestrated a better finish in earning a hard-fought, 76-65 win over their neighbors from Wabash County.

Southwood blistered the nets in the opening eight minutes. The Knights hit their first six 3-point attempts and made 9-of-13 total field goals in jumping out to a 26-16 lead.

Ole Miss started cutting into its deficit late in the second quarter and pulled within four by intermission, then held the Knights to just eight points in the third quarter to take a 51-49 lead into the fourth quarter.

There Mississinewa used a 7-0 run over the first two minutes to gain some separation and pulled away for the 11-point win.

"This has been a place where our team has struggled a couple times this year," said Ole Miss coach James Reed. "When we get punched in the mouth and we're not really sure why, the other team is just playing well.

"We got down, we weren't playing fantastic but we weren't playing terrible, they were hitting some shots," he continued. "We were following the game plan. Our energy could have been a little better but we stayed consistent. We haven't done that before. ... The first half we struggled but the second half I thought we stayed really consistent."

That consistency was one of the keys to Mississinewa making its comeback then pulling away in the end.

The Indians shot 50 percent or better from the field in both halves and most importantly made 8-of-15 field goal attempts and 8-of-10 from the foul line in the fourth quarter.

Southwood blistered the nets for 61 percent (16-of-26) in the first half, but after making its first six from long range managed to only hit 2-of-11 through the final three quarters. The Knights cooled off to a 10-of-25 performance in the second half.

"I was really happy, especially with the first half. I liked how we accepted the challenge that we were facing a veteran team, they're at home, they're a good 3A team," said Southwood coach John Burrus. "We're walking in here probably a lot of things going against us. We had some good preparation for this team, we put in a few wrinkles on offense and these



Mississinewa's Landen Swanner tries to drive against Southwood's Cole Winer and Dawson Filip in the first half of the Indians' 76-65 win Wednesday night in Gas City.

guys did a nice job with our offense.

"Dawson Filip, he did great. He covered (Landen) Swanner a lot of the game and he never got a three," he continued. "He did a good job of still penetrating. He's a smart player and he's grown up. He did that and did a great job for them. I was proud we got him off the 3-point line because he's one of the best 3-point shooters than I've ever prepared for."

Swanner, a 6-2 senior sharp-shooter, entered the game as the Indians' leading scorer (17.3 points) and had made 50 percent (21-of-42) of his 3-point attempts in Mississinewa's first nine games. He attempted only one 3-pointer in the game but displayed the growth Burrus spoke of by slashing to the basket for short jumpers and layups to finish with 18 points.

Swanner hit 6-of-11 from the field and all six of his free throw attempts. He also finished with four assists and had three steals.

The Indians were led by 6-3 senior Tai McClung, who benefitted from penetration and passes made by the Ole Miss guards to power his way to 22 points. He pulled down 11 rebounds.

Sophomore guard Donovan Betts provided Ole Miss with its biggest spark in helping fill the shoes of senior Colin Yoder, a normal starter and four-year varsity player who had to quarantine for contact tracing related to COVID-19.

Betts had scored 13 points total coming into Wednesday, but hit a pair of 3-pointers on his way to 10 points in the second quarter and 17 for the game.

Junior Hayden Ulerick made a steal and assisted a Betts layup just 12 seconds before halftime that pulled Mississinewa within 2, 39-37, before Cole Winer knocked down a buzzer-beater to send Southwood to intermission ahead by four.

Betts finished with three of Ole Miss' six triples in the game, made 4-of-4 free throw attempts and had two assists and two steals.

Betts also drew praise from both head coaches.

"Unfortunately now people know who he is," Reed said of Betts, before noting a pair of 3-pointers hit to sway momentum against Madison-Grant in the Grant County championship game last week. "... He started off the season really with no minutes and he's been earning minutes every game.

"Donovan is a special player. He's only a sophomore and he's only going to get better playing behind Landen and Hayden," Reed added. "I'm just really excited about his future."

Burrus said Betts provided the biggest difference in the outcome.

"Sometimes we miss, in basketball, the secondary scorers. That's such a key to teams that are really good," he said, before referring to some of his best teams.

Burrus specifically mentioned Dallas Holmes, a 2019 Southwood graduate who filled a secondary scoring role in the Knights run to the 2018 Class A state championship game.

"Sometimes you have to look to that guy who will score 16 or 17 points and you thought he might score seven or eight," Burrus said.

"That was probably the difference in the game tonight, what (Betts) did. Those secondary guys, if you don't have them, (defenses) can really pinch your good players, the good scorers. When you have that in your arsenal, other scorers, it makes it so much easier for your main scorers."

Filip not only chased Swanner off the 3-point line all game, but he also carried the Knights offensively with 23 points. Carson Rich scored 16 points, Conner Rich chipped in 11. Alex Farr finished with eight points, six rebounds and three assists.

"Southwood doesn't play (around) and they come to play," Reed said. "If you don't play team defense they're going to make the night difficult for you. They got us out of rhythm, they made us uncomfortable, which is what

good teams do.

"If you're playing a better team you want to make them uncomfortable and I can say we were uncomfortable the majority of the night," he added. "That's kudos to coach Burrus for having his guys ready and a good game plan against our guys."

Ulerick and Lucas Asbury supplemented Mississinewa's offense with eight points apiece. Ulerick also had four rebounds, four assists and three steals.

Both Reed and Burrus believe Wednesday's contest provided some good building blocks for coming games.

"They were doing a lot of one on one stuff and we were caught watching on help side," Reed said. "We finally bought into it in the second half and kept them out of the middle, then we were able to pressure them a little bit and come back.

"Our defense is our constant and we've been practicing so well defensively. Tonight was a little bit of a hiccup for us," he added. "I'm glad it happened now and we figure out how to win. We'll work Saturday to get better at it so were ready for Blackford next week."

Mississinewa (6-4) plays its next four games on the road starting at Taylor Saturday. The Indians travel to Class 2A No. 5 Blackford on Jan. 15.

Southwood (2-5) hosted Wabash Friday and will host Oak Hill on Tuesday.

"I like the fact that we played somebody tough. We simply couldn't stop them but it didn't affect our offense to the point where we totally bogged down," Burrus said. "We were tired late in the game. They're a physical team, but we still kept attacking the basket.

"We're going to have games where we have to make shots down the stretch. Like this game," he continued. "I think this experience tonight will help that because we didn't back down. We kept playing."

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SCOREBOARD

COLLEGE FOOTBALL					NBA				
Monday, Jan. 11 COLLEGE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP Miami Gardens, Fla. No. 1 Alabama vs. No. 3 Ohio St., 8 p.m. (ESPN)					EASTERN CONFERENCE				
					Atlantic Division				
					W	L	Pct	GB	
					7	2	.778	—	
					6	3	.667	1	
					5	3	.625	1½	
					5	4	.556	2	
					1	6	.143	5	
					Southeast Division				
					W	L	Pct	GB	
					6	2	.750	—	
					4	4	.500	2	
					3	4	.429	2½	
					3	5	.375	3	
					2	6	.250	4	
					Central Division				
					W	L	Pct	GB	
					6	2	.750	—	
					5	3	.625	1	
					5	4	.556	1½	
					4	5	.444	2½	
					1	7	.125	5	
					WESTERN CONFERENCE				
					Southwest Division				
					W	L	Pct	GB	
					4	4	.500	—	
					4	4	.500	—	
					4	4	.500	—	
					2	4	.333	1	
					2	6	.250	2	
					Northwest Division				
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					4	4	.500	—	
					3	4	.429	½	
					3	5	.375	1	
					2	6	.250	2	
					Pacific Division				
					W	L	Pct	GB	
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					6	3	.667	½	
					6	3	.667	½	
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					Thursday's Games				
					Brooklyn 122, Phila. 109				
					Cleveland 94, Memphis 90				
					Portland 135, Minnesota 117				
					San Antonio 118, L.A. Lakers 109				
					Dallas 124, Denver 117, OT				
					Friday's Games				
					Phoenix at Detroit				
					Charlotte at New Orleans				
					Oklahoma City at New York				
					Washington at Boston				
					Brooklyn at Memphis				
					Orlando at Houston				
					Utah at Milwaukee				
					Chicago at L.A. Lakers				
					L.A. Clippers at Golden State				
					Toronto at Sacramento				
					Saturday's Games				
					Denver at Phila., 3 p.m.				
					Atlanta at Charlotte, 7 p.m.				
					Miami at Washington, 7 p.m.				
					Phoenix at Indiana, 7 p.m.				
					Cleveland at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.				
					San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.				
					Orlando at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.				
					Portland at Sacramento, 10 p.m.				
					Sunday's Games				
					Utah at Detroit, 3 p.m.				
					Chicago at L.A. Clippers, 4 p.m.				
					Denver at New York, 6 p.m.				
					Oklahoma City at Brooklyn, 6 p.m.				
					L.A. Lakers at Houston, 7 p.m.				
					Miami at Boston, 7 p.m.				
					San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.				
					Toronto at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.				
					Monday's Games				
					Memphis at Cleveland, 7 p.m.				
					Milwaukee at Orlando, 7 p.m.				
					New York at Charlotte, 7 p.m.				
					Phoenix at Washington, 7 p.m.				
					Phila. at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.				
					New Orleans at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.				
					Indiana at Sacramento, 10 p.m.				
					Toronto at Portland, 10 p.m.				

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball

American League

HOUSTON ASTROS — Agreed to terms with RHP Ryan Stanek on a one-year contract.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Acquired OF Greg Allen from San Diego in exchange for LHP James Reaves.


National League



Church Directory

ASSEMBLY OF GOD


Gospel Light Assembly of God, 347 Southwood Drive. Pastor Neil Jeffrey. Sunday School 9:45am (all ages). Morning worship service 10:30am. Evening service 6pm. Wednesday midweek service 7pm; Kids' Korral Wednesday 7pm. Youth meeting 7pm (ages 12-19).

 **Sweetwater Assembly of God**, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.


BAPTIST

Emmanuel Free Will Baptist, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available. Sunday worship services streaming on our Facebook page

Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

 **Wabash Free Will Baptist Church**, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

CATHOLIC

 **St. Bernard Catholic Church**, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses will resume, with safety restrictions, beginning May 23-24, 2020. Everyone attending Mass must wear a face mask. Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m.


 **St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Main Street in Lagro, Welcomes You Back! New Service Time 11:00 AM Sunday, October 4, Sunday November 1 and Sunday December 6. In keeping with COVID-19 State Rules, please wear a mask and socially distance. Let Us Worship Together.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Christian Heritage Church**, 2776 River Road. (260) 569-7710. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. Online services on Sunday at 10:30 am and Wednesday 6:00 pm

LaFontaine Christian Church, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine. Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website

CHURCH OF CHRIST

 **Church of Christ**, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.


CHURCH OF GOD

First Church of God, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.


CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

 **Wabash Church of the Brethren**, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus... Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

 **Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Rev. Haley Asberry, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: www.wabashchristian.org. Worship Service 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on Facebook. Services streaming on our website and Facebook.

FRIENDS CHURCH

 **Wabash Friends Church**, 3563 S State Rd 13. (260) 563-8452. Lead Pastor, Brandon Eaton. Join us for Church at Home, our live-streamed service, on Facebook on Sunday morning at 10:45AM. In person services are temporarily suspended.

INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Bachelor Creek Church of Christ**, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Worship Minister - Michael Eaton, Student Minister - David Diener, Children's Minister - Tyler Leland, Middle School & Small Groups Minister - Nate Plyler, Next Steps & Outreach Minister - Ryan Keim, Women's Director- Taylor McFarland, Early Childhood Director - Janet Legesse. Worship 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.


LUTHERAN


Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC), 242 S. Huntington St., Wabash, IN. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 a.m. with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship. Worship Services live streamed on our website. www.LivingFaithWabash.org

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlcwabash@gmail.com.

UNITED METHODIST

 **North Manchester United Methodist Church**, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Steve Bahrt. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

 **Richvalley United Methodist Church**, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Pastor Jack Suits. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all age.

 **Roann United Methodist Church**, Corner of Adams and Arnold Street, Roann. Pastor Wayne Balmer. (765) 833-2931. Worship Celebration 9am. Sunday School 10:15am.



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Daily Scripture Readings						
Romans 3:19-31	Romans 5:1-21	Romans 6:1-23	Isaiah 60:1-22	John 5:1-29	John 6:1-24	John 6:25-59

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